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Applicants: Murty Vyakarnam, et al.

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Title: Foam Composite for The Repair Or Regeneration
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Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows prior to
examination on the merits.

In the specification:

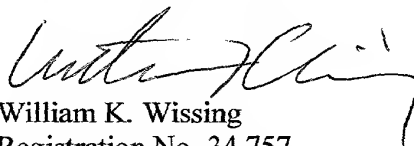
After the title and before the Field of the Invention please insert the following:

This application is a Divisional Application of United States Patent Application
Serial Number 09/469,118, filed December 21, 1999, which is a continuation-in-art of
United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/345,096, filed on June 30, 1999.

Remarks

The application has been amended to indicate that the application is a Divisional Application of US Serial No. 09/443,882, filed November 19, 1999, which is a continuation-in-art of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/345,096, filed on June 30, 1999. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 40-61 are patentable and earnestly request a notice of allowance with respect thereto.

Respectfully submitted,



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